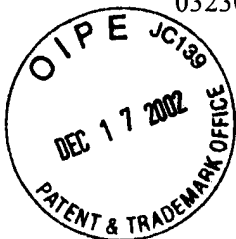


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AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2002 (Paper No. 11) is due by December 20, 2002. Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed and fully responsive.

In response to Paper No. 11, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please delete the original Title and replace it with the following Title:

--The FadD15 Gene of *Corynebacterium glutamicum*, Encoding an Acyl-CoA Synthase Polypeptide--